



## JOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

## CALENDAR



**Mon., Sept. 26 — Special Cocktail-Press Conference:** H. E. Sayed Abdel Karim Mirghani, Sudan Ambassador to India and Japan, will discuss the economic & political role of the Sudan in relation to Africa and the Mideast. Guests invited. Cocktails 5:30 p.m. (third floor). (See story page 5).

**Tues., Sept. 27 — Open House:** Dan Kurzman, former chief McGraw-Hill World News Tokyo bureau, and panel discuss his new book "Kishi and Japan". James A. Michener, moderator. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Reservations, please. (See page 7)

**Thurs., Sept. 29 — Book Night:** Robert St. John will discuss his forthcoming book on Nasser "The Boss." Panel, led by John Barkham, will include Abdul Mawgoud Hassan, (Egyptian Delegation Press Officer), Hal Lehrman, (Mideast expert), Keith Wheeler (author of book on Nasser), and Foster Hailey (NY Times). Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Discussion, 8:00 p.m. Reservations, please.

**Tues., Oct. 4 — Open House:** Mr. Morarji R. Desai, Finance Minister of India: Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

**Fri., Oct. 14 — Reception:** King & Queen of Denmark. 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Waldorf-Astoria.

**Sat., Oct. 15: All-day Cruise on Hudson:** Leaves, 10:00 a.m. Returns at 7:45 p.m. There is no limit on guests. The charge is \$3 per person for the day's cruise. Call the Club to make reservations as soon as possible — and let's make this a gala occasion! (Details later)

**Tues., Oct. 18 — Regional Dinner:** Colombia. Usual hours. Member & one guest. Charge \$4.

**Wed. Oct. 19 — Guest Speaker** Charles Goren, famed bridge authority, syndicated columnist and inventor of the popular "Goren System" will address members, wives and guests. Cocktails, 6:30. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

## LUTER NAMES "K" TALK COMMITTEE

The Overseas Press Club has formed a three-member committee to work out ground rules for a press conference with Nikita Khrushchev, it was announced by President John Luter. The committee is composed of Frank Conniff, national editor of the Hearst newspapers; Leon Dennen, syndicated columnist for the Newspaper Enterprise Association; and Harrison Salisbury of the New York Times. Both Conniff and Salisbury are members of the Club's board of governors and have won Pulitzer Prizes for their reporting

on Russia. Dennen, a former member of the board who holds an OPC citation for foreign news analysis, speaks fluent Russian and is an expert on Soviet affairs.

The invitation to Mr. Khrushchev was extended by telegram on September 8th with the approval of the Board of Governors. Mr. Khrushchev accepted "in principle", although the telegram of acceptance from Soviet Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov said the date would have to be arranged after the arrival of the Soviet delegation in New York.

Despite some protests from the Club members (including four resignations), the board of governors has voted to stand by the invitation. President Luter said that along with the protests there have been many messages of approval, including five special requests for membership application blanks. When the protests developed, Secretary Dick Anderson twice polled the Board of Governors to determine if the Board thought the Club should withdraw the invitation. On both occasions the Board voted by an overwhelming majority to stand by the invitation provided arrangements could be made for a working press conference at which Mr. Khrushchev would answer questions freely. This requirement has always been traditional with the OPC as well as with other American news organizations. (Cont. p. 7)

## Krushchev Invitation Brings Reservation Flood

An Overseas Press Club invitation to Nikita Khrushchev to address the members touched off a bomb threat, a shouting picket line — and hundreds of requests for reservations.

Of a total of 743 phone calls last week, 25 were protests from non-OPCers and the rest were for reservations. Details on the time and place are not yet completed.

The threat to blow up the OPC came in a phone call to Miss Tillie Reading, the club receptionist. In heavily accented tones, the caller — a man — said he was going to plant a bomb in the building. (Continued on page 3)

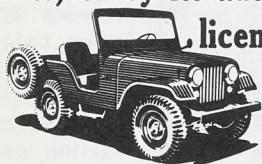


Pickets descended on the Overseas Press Club shortly after the invitation to Khrushchev was made public. (Photo UPI)



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# Overseas Ticker



..... Edited by CHARLES KLENSCH.....

## PANAMA.... from CREDE CALHOUN

Five of Panama's OPC members got together Sept 1 at the home of Walter and Hindi Diamond to form a Panama chapt, with the help of visitors Henry Rayment, UPI, and Tad Szulc, NYTimes. Attending the chapter's first meeting were: Crede Calhoun, Newswk; Rayment; Olive Brooks, NYTimes; Szulc; Ernie Silva, CBS; Hindi Diamond, Vision/MGrawHill; Walter Diamond, NBC cameraman. Miss Brooks was elected chrmn, Walter Diamond, vice-chrmn, Hindi Diamond, corr secy-treas. Four other OPCers here were out of town: Bruce Henderson, TimeLife; Reece Smith, UPI/TimeLife; Jack Fendell (our Costa Rica affiliated member), and Mrs Silva. Several resident stringers have also expressed interest in joining.

## NAIROBI..... from HANK TOLUZZI

This NBC corr is back from second swing through the Eastern Congo. Regrettably airmail reports were completely out of the question since events and reporters moved too fast for the mails — it takes 10 days to get a letter from the Eastern Congo to NYC.

I left Bakwanga, Kasai province, minutes before the invasion started with the first films of Kalonji and his ragged troops preparing to do battle with Lumumba's invaders. Kalonji himself followed me a few hours later on the last plane out.

My buddies from BBC, Reuter and LondLyExpress also tried to follow, but Lumumba's men already had the town and airport and the 3 reporters were arrested and detained for several days. And then Henry Taylor tried to get there and got machinegunned.

All this happened while I was enroute back to base in Nairobi where I had to complete a documentary film on EAfrica. Off again on a 5-week Africa swing with ABC hitting Ethiopia, Sudan, Congo, Nigeria, Guinea and Ghana.

## TOKYO..... from GENE KRAMER

AP's Relman (Pat) Morin capped a nostalgic reporting swing around the Fareast, his old beat, with the first exclusive interviews with two new premiers — Hayato Ikeda of Japan and John M. Chang of SKorea. He also interviewed a vintage president, Chiang Kai-shek. Morin was AP chief here before World War II. Interned, he was repatriated aboard the Gripsholm and returned to win a Pulitzer covering the Korean war....

Glenn (Skip) Troelstrup, NBC, married Kyoko Baba, former writer for the Asahi Evening News and asst to Keyes Beech, ChiDlyNews. Wedding reception at a

Ginza bar was packed with corrs....

John Randolph, veteran AP-Tokyo buochief, assumed new duties as genl exec for Asia, coordinating ops from Korea-Japan to Burma. The new regional job is similar to John Lloyd's new post in London (see London dateline)....

A host of Japanese and fgn corrs in Rome helped feed a torrent of Olympic copy to the Japanese press. Among them: AP's Nate Polowetzky, Harold Buell, Peter Higashi and Day Inoshita; UPI's Norman Williams and Stuart Griffin. Postcard comment from Griffin to AP friend — 'The games are great. Rome is great. UPI is great and I'm the greatest.'...

Alexander Campbell, TimeLife chief, departed for NYC and reassignment. Succeeded by Donald Connery from Delhi.... Rene-Georges Inagaki, transferred from AP-Tokyo to Saigon, succeeding David Lancashire, who joined AP-Beirut staff.... Passing through: Forrest Edwards, AP-Hongkong buochief, returning to base from US homeleave.. John Griffin, AP-Singapore, bound for US homeleave.

## LONDON..... from JAY AXELBANK

Eric Sevareid just back from vacation in Scotland and Devon and is now working on an hour-long CBS show which will be ashooting all fall.... Alexander Kendrick, back from summer fill-in at NBC-NYC, visited Ireland and Rome before returning to London....

MGrawHill's John Shinn and John Wilhelm passed through on junket to Helsinki for Finnish industrial tour....

At AP: Pres Grover, Moscow buochief, in town for week's vacation... Will Grimley, NYC sportscribe, resting up after covering sports in Russia and Germany and at the Olympics... John Lloyd, genl exec for Euro-Africa-Mideast, just back from week in Prague... Milt Marmor off for month's holiday in Greece... Bob Tuckman, asst news ed, and Tom Reedy back from Olympics... Eddy Gilmore also due back after few days in Rome resting up....

UPI's Harry Ferguson, Euro genl mgr, and Bob Musel also returning from Rome.. Dick Longworth from Chicago has joined UPI-London staff.

## PARIS..... from BERN REDMONT

Retiring BritAmb Lord Gladwyn drew unexpected laughter in a sober speech to the Anglo-Amer Press Assn while dis-

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Editor This Week Is: Herb Colema  
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## MEDARIS CALLS FOR ANTI-MISSILE MISSILES

Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, former commanding general of the Army Ballistic Missiles Agency, now president of The Lionel Corp., addressed members of the OPC on Thurs., Sept. 15, warning that the U.S. must begin immediately concentrating on anti-missile missiles for protection if we are to survive an atom war.

Pointing out that in the past 5 years he has been intimately connected with our missile defense program, Gen. Medaris said that the only way he can make a contribution at this point is to draw meaningful conclusions from his experience. "In order to be constructive, I must be critical," he said.

In his address, the General made the following points:

(1) The people responsible for our space effort are victims of a paralyzing system that has been bogging down good men for more than a decade. For every man who can make an affirmative decision, there are 99 who can say no. The ability to decide is the key in the countdown of history toward the survival or destruction of the human race.

(2) Thirteen months before the first Sputnik startled the free world, the men in his command had the ability to launch a satellite. "For months, we begged and pleaded for the chance to put up the first earth satellite," General Medaris said. "Could we obtain that permission? Could we get that decision? Only 13 months and 2 Sputniks later."

Gen. Medaris has amplified these views in his book, "Countdown for Decision".

Gen. Medaris was introduced by William L. Laurence, science editor of *The NY Times* and vice president of the OPC.

## PEOPLE & PLACES

### ARRIVALS

Dave Forbert recently returned from photo assignment in Europe for Caltex, IBM & US Rubber. Was home 2 days and left for month's assignment in Canada.... Wm. T. McKeown, back from Canada & west coast survey for Popular Boating & NEA, has a piece on pleasure boating in *Family Weekly*.

### DEPARTURES

Rembert James, Copley News Service ed., left for the Congo on a news-gathering trip.... H. V. Kaltenborn will spend Oct. overseas on official mission from NY World's Fair to governments of Northern Europe.

Duncan Edwards left for 2 weeks in Yugoslavia and color scenic photographing along Dalmatian Coast for Free Lance Photographers Guild (NYC).... Bert & Estelle White off for several weeks in

## INVITATION (Cont'd f. p. 1)

Miss Reading called New York police who checked the building. Club members and employees were not evacuated. The atmosphere was decidedly calm.

(Overheard at the club bar: "Well, I've been bombed here before, so what else is new?")

Police were stationed at the club entrance and that proved to be a good move because the pickets, who said they represented Free Hungary, lined up on 39th Street.

A delegation of eight pickets walked into the club foyer to make what they described as "a formal protest." But they were met by Franz Weissblatt, OPC treasurer, who told them they were on private property and would have to take their protests elsewhere.

Outside, the pickets shouted "Pink Press Club" and "All for Liberalism." The signs read "Murderer, Inc.," and included a drawing of the Soviet chairman, "Khrushchev, Go Home!" and the like.

But it was rougher on the Princeton Club next door than it was on the OPC.

Under New York law, pickets cannot march before a building that has a sidewalk marquee. So all the tumult was moved down the block by a number of New York policemen, to the evident distress of the Princeton Club's receptionist and a number of members in the reading room.

Europe Business International Round Table participation in Brussels & establishment of new B.I. Geneva office.

### PUBLICATIONS

Amy Vanderbilt has lead article in Oct. *Coronet*, "Modern Manners — the Only Status Symbol".... Carl Winston's "How to Run a Million Into a Shoestring," slated for Oct. publication. Condensation will appear in Oct. *Cosmopolitan*

## Considine Story Opens CBS Television Series

"Exclusive!" — new CBS television show based on news and feature stories — made its debut last week with a premiere based on a story by Bob Considine.

The story, "The Man Who Changed Faces," is about a Norwegian patriot who underwent plastic surgery and an arduous task of absorbing the background of a Nazi officer so that he could assume his identity.

Other byliners on "Exclusive!" will be Eddy Gilmore, AP, Frank Jerome Riley, former *NY Times* reporter, and Quentin Reynolds.

## Arab Editor Addresses OPC

Kassem Gouda, editorial director of Al Mussawar of Cairo, told an OPC reception on Sept. 13 that "there is no such thing as a Communist party in the United Arab Republic."

Gouda is a member of a group of mid-East editors in New York to attend an American Press Institute seminar at Columbia University.

Gouda said that while he is "not always in agreement with all that is done and said by politicians of the United States . . . politics is one thing and human relations is another. That is why we always have wanted to keep on the best of relations with Americans."

In addition to those pictured below, the group included Fadl Beshir, editor-in-chief of *Al Sudan Al Gadid*, of Khartoum Mohamed Heikal, editor-in-chief, *Al Abram*, Cairo; Abdel Mukhtar, managing director, Press House, Cairo; Raja Elissa, editor and publisher of *Falastin*, Beirut; and Seifollah Moshkriz, business manager, *Ettela'at*, Tehran.



MIDEAST EDITORS GATHER AT OPC: (left to right) Nuyan Yigit, editor, *Kim* (Istanbul); Parviz Raein, AP bureau chief in Tehran; Mostafa Mesbahzadeh, publisher of *Kayhan* (Tehran); toastmaster Stan Swinton; Zeyyat Goren, UPI bureau manager in Istanbul; J. Montgomery Curtis, American Press Institute's director; and Michel Abujaudi, foreign ed., *An-Nahar* (Beirut).



# Go-To-Hell Correspondents Fading--Enter The Family Type

By ROBERT W. DRIVER

(Following are excerpts from an article based on a survey of 20 foreign correspondents and printed in Editor & Publisher, June 25th issue.)

A recently-completed study of 20 newsmen in Rome indicates that the adventurous, go-to-hell foreign correspondent of the movies is a fast-fading breed.

Instead, the survey shows, today's correspondent is more likely to be a hard-working family man who's too busy getting the news to have time for spy-chasing or other Hollywood-type escapades.

Also, chances are that he's a college graduate, entered news work at an early age, acquired about seven years domestic experience before going overseas, and is quite happy in his work.

The study was conducted during the last three months of 1959 by the writer who was then a member of the Graduate Overseas Training Program of Syracuse University.

One of the strongest characteristics of the 20 newsmen is humility.

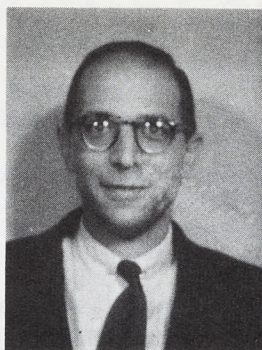
Although the news they gather is read, listened to, and viewed by millions of people each month, the correspondents seem almost uniformly unimpressed with themselves.

## Traits and Training

What traits and training do the correspondents believe valuable in their work?

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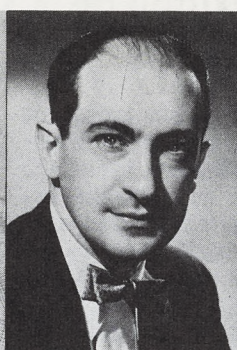
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Knowledge of a foreign language is the only area they strongly agree on. Outside of that, the newsmen scattered their votes among such widely varying characteristics as a "low key" personality; a knowledge of history; initiative; a willingness to work; patience; imagination and youth.

If the correspondents believe in the value of prior domestic news experience they don't say so. Although most of them had some grounding in the home office, only two listed previous experience with newspapers as desirable for overseas news work.

The correspondents also seem to think that it isn't particularly important to have a passion for travel and meeting foreign peoples. Three newsmen listed "enthusiasm" as desirable; four named "curiosity"; and one said it's good for a correspondent to be "philosophically inclined" to work overseas. But nobody even hinted that it helps to be a "bug" on faraway places and the people who live there.

The correspondents work hard. Several report to their offices seven days a week. Almost no one said he worked fewer than six. Estimates of total hours worked per week ranged as high as 70.

A compensating factor is the correspondents' relative freedom from a time-clock routine or fixed schedule. Although they like this, one newsman commented, "At our office there isn't much of a routine, but the freedom is illusory, I work harder when I'm on my own schedule."

The newsmen also said they are largely independent of their home offices when it comes to deciding which stories to cover, how much copy to file, or whether to send anything at all.

## Men of Composure

Although several said they work harder than their colleagues in the home office, none wore the agitated, harassed look supposedly displayed by the stereotyped "high pressure" newsmen. Most of them admitted there is pressure connected with their work, but they said it varies greatly with the news.

Another variant is the amount of traveling the newsmen do. Within bounds travel is dictated by where and how big

the news breaks.

Much of the news the correspondents send home is first found in the local newspapers. One man said he digs up 90 percent of his material by reading about it. Regardless of how many leads are discovered this way, almost all of the newsmen spend a large amount of time each week reading a variety of newspapers and magazines.

The newsmen were almost unanimous in their belief in the importance of speaking at least one foreign language. Sixteen of the 20 speak Italian. Ten of them speak French. Four have German, four Spanish, and two said they have some knowledge of Russian.

## Language Training

How did the newsmen learn their languages? Night lessons, private tutoring, and college classes were three methods named. However, school and college training was ranked low for effectiveness, since it usually lacks what many of the correspondents call the magic ingredient for learning a language: the pressure of sheer necessity.

Some quotes about language training:

—"I worked like a dog" to learn Italian. "I don't think (name of employer) would have made me (bureau) chief without my having Italian."

—"If I had to hire one of two men, I would take the man with the language, even if it was only rudimentary."

—"The best way to learn French is to get a French mistress."

When sent to a new assignment, either for a few days or a few years, the method the correspondents most often use to get on top of the situation is to check with fellow newsmen. Running a strong second, as a source of information and advice, is the American embassy or consulate.

Other suggestions the correspondents gave for a man sent to a new post:

—Make yourself known.

—Learn the communications.

—Don't confine your interviews to politicians.

—Get a headquarters to operate from.

—Check the local office of the wire agency.

—Travel as much as possible around



the area you'll be covering.

All of these techniques may be useful, but several of the correspondents added this *caveat*: no matter how a newsman tries to organize, sometimes he must simply play the situation by ear.

### Not Hollywoodish

On at least one interesting development the study shows that the twenty newsmen tend to agree. This is the demise, or general decline, of the "Hollywood correspondent."

This critter is the wisecracking, fornicating, omnibulbous newsman pictured in Grade C movies and novels. Questioned about the presence of Hollywood types in their own ranks, the Rome correspondents had little to say about the love lives of their colleagues.

A cross-section of their comments follows:

—"I've seen some of the (Hollywood) type, but there are no more in the business than in others. Most of the good correspondents are married, some of them with children. They don't have the time, money or energy to live it up."

—"I don't think that newspapermen drink any more than other people who are abroad."

—"The day of the hard-drinking foreign correspondent is over."

—"The British are the last of the Hollywood type."

### Family Men

Seventeen of the 20 newsmen are married. Of these, thirteen have at least one child. Although the life of a correspondent often involves moving from one country to another, most of the newsmen with families don't seem to think this process is as disturbing to family harmony as some people suppose. Several of the newsmen have kept their families with them through thick and thin, no matter how many moves were involved.

The greatest long-term family problem seems to be schooling. The greatest asset: a patient, understanding wife who wants to live overseas just as much as her husband does.

Several well-traveled correspondents named Rome as their favorite post of all the foreign cities they have known. The only other serious contender was Paris. With Paris, however, the newsmen differentiated between the city and the personality of its inhabitants. Paris, as a city, was described as more dynamic, more interesting and full of bread-and-butter news stories. But none of the newsmen said they liked the French temperament as well as that of the Italians.

### 'Spare Time' and 'Work Time'

How about spare time? As mentioned above, many of the correspondents just don't have much of it. Although most of them had little difficulty naming one or more off-hour pursuits, Driver said that almost none of the newsmen seemed to

regard "spare time" as distinct from "work time" in the sense that their off hours constitute another life, *a la* the standard American weekend.

Although a few of the 20 correspondents said they wish they had more spare time, none of them referred to his job as a jealous mistress who refused to release him to his family or other pleasures.

The avocation most often named was "traveling with the family." The other pursuits comprise a long and varied list, but one that might be obtained from men in many other fields of work. It includes music; picnics; photography; chess; carpentry; stamp collecting; the theatre; golf; working with the school board and P-TA; and painting.

**COMPOSITE PROFILE:** A roster of the 20 newsmen who provided information for Mr. Driver's profile of a foreign correspondent: Arnaldo Cortesi, New York Times; Gabriel De Sabatino, Time-Life; Daniel F. Gilmore, UPI; Walter Guzzardi Jr., Time-Life; Robert F. Hawkins, Variety; Ed Hill, Rome American; Lawrence M. Howes, American Embassy; Allan Jacks, AP; Irving R. Levine, NBC; Walter Lucas, Christian Science Monitor; Lee McCardell, Baltimore Sun; Barrett McGurn, New York Herald Tribune; Reynolds Packard, New York Daily News; Frederick C. Panton, U.S. News and World Report; Philip Payne, Time-Life; Curtis G. (Bill) Pepper, Newsweek; Claire Sterling, The Reporter; Michael Stern, True Magazine; Sheila Walsh, London Daily Sketch, Leo J. Wollemborg, Washington Post.

## SUDAN AMBASSADOR OPC GUEST SEPT. 26

A special cocktail-press conference will be held on the third floor of the OPC at 5:30, Mon., Sept. 26., with Ambassador Sayed Abdel Karim Mirghani of The Sudan as guest of honor.

Mr. Mirghani has just been assigned to his new posts in India and Japan, leaving next Wednesday, after serving two years as Deputy Permanent Representative of The Sudan to the United Nations in New York.

The Sudan occupies a strategic mid-way position with strong ties to Africa and the Mideast and his remarks should therefore hold special importance to all of us.

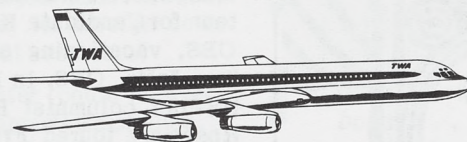
The ambassador will discuss general political and economic factors facing his country and will answer questions from the member-guest audience.

Some of the members have been urging a return to a series of the earlier cocktail-press conferences, not involving dinner, to which they can bring friends. The Open House Committee announces this program as the first in such a series.

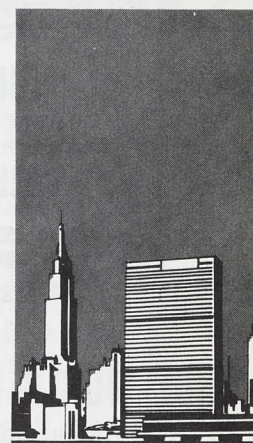
### DINNER WINNER

Last Friday's dinner-on-the-house-winner (for the second time) was Mrs. Lydia Carter.

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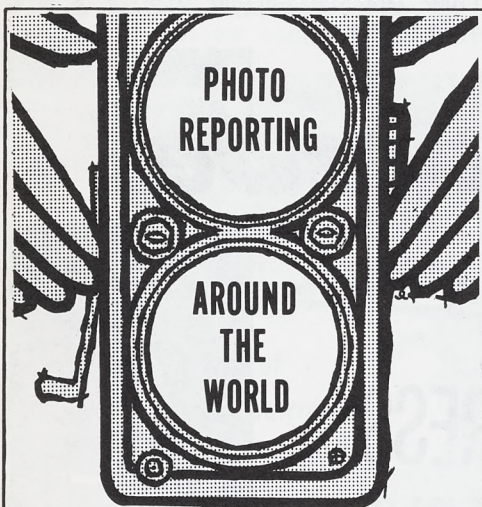
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cussing France's recovery and growth during his 6½-year stay. "There are now nearly 2 million more Frenchmen than when I came," he noted. As gales of laughter rocked the room, Lord Gladwyn recovered and quipped: "Not through my personal efforts."...

**Morrill (Bill) Cody**, USEmb Counselor for Publ Afrrs, back from vacationing at summer home on Spain's Costa Brava, accompanied delegation of US newsmen from Ntl Ed Assn to reception by Premier Debre. Cody also hopped to Nice with USAmb and Mrs Houghton for 'American Week.'...

**Pierre Lazareff**, promoted to Cmdr in Legion of Honor. He directs Franpar group (France-Soir and other papers plus magazines), produces a TV show and he has written three books....

**Adeline Fitzgerald**, ChiSunTimes, and **Lucie Noel**, NYHerTrib, back to daily routine after mad hustle-bustle of fashion showings. **Adeline** relaxed in Italy.... **Paul Ghali**, ChiDlyNews, vacationed in southern France.... **Marcel Wallenstein**, KanCityStar, tried mountaintop Andorra for angling vacation, found it 'all fished-out,' so took his gear to Spain and France's Basque coast....

**Myer Agen**, Armed Forces Press Svc-NYC, visiting daughter **Francine**, — son-in-law **Police Commissaire Principal Andre Bossard** and granddaughter **Colette**. **Myer**, a between-wars Paris hand, renewed friendships with old-timers here including **Cody** and **HerTrib** ed emeritus **Eric Hawkins**....

Passing through: **Ex-Gov Averell Harriman**, NYC-bound following his Africa tour for Candidate **Kennedy**.... **Ned Calmer**, CBS, vacationing at **St Jean de Luz**.... **Sam Jaffe**, CBS, in **Paris** and **London**.... **NYP** columnist **Earl Wilson** and wife **Rosemary** toured France by car for fortnight while son **Sluggie** worked as ofc boy here.

**MADRID.** from **THURSTON MACAULEY**

**Owen Hutchinson**, USEmb press attache, back from Stateside leave in time to accompany USAmb **John Davis Lodge** to US-Spanish radar site on mountaintop near **Irun** and **French** border. Lodges have been staying at **San Sebastian**, Spain's summer capital....

This StarsStripes corr shortly off on a week's visit to **Moron AB** near **Seville** where **Lt Bob Edinger** has taken over as USAF PIO. Heading from there to big navy base at **Rota**, near **Cadiz** and **Jerez**, where **Cmdr Bill Reher** is PIO....

Another Madrid corr has taken leave to do movie publicity here — **Bob Rooney** of **UPI** who is drumbeating for 'Revolt of the Slaves,' another ancient Rome epic, starring **Rhonda Fleming** and husband **Lang Jeffries**.

## LETTERS



Editor, Bulletin

Good crowd at the Sept. 13 Open House for that regiment of Turkish, Arab, Sudanese and Iranian editors, mainly because of solid *Bulletin* promotion. Potentially good show, due to alert and timely programming. But actual performance was as close to zero as you can get — thanks mainly to heavy hands at the head table.

Why waste valuable discussion time on windy (and "funny") introductions which might do for a single guest or maybe two, but not for every last man in the tribe? Why waste more time — also inflicting stern punishment on speakers and listeners — by having no less than six of the guests deliver homilies on the joys of being at the party? And why restrict the little remaining time to written questions?

Let's have some feeling of participation, some sense of contact between questioner and questioned. Especially on an area as provocative as the Middle East. All we got was formality, stuffiness — and occasionally plain foolishness. An evening of bowing and scraping in all directions. It was pretty evident the speakers didn't have a clue to what was expected of them. A firm pre-dinner briefing to talk straight — even if off the record — might have reduced the emptiness. Instead the emphasis seemed to be, not on exchange of views and ideas, but on protecting the speakers. Protection against what? The perils of honest communication? Are we a press club or a kaffeeklatsch?

Sincerely,  
Hal Lehrman**TAIPEI.....GERALDINE FITCH**

**Til Durbin**, NYTimes, in from Hongkong to cover the current political situation on Taiwan. **Lei Chen**, publ of **Free China Fortnightly** has been jailed on sedition charges and is being held by military authorities for court martial under martial law.

The charge is based on 10 articles in his magazine which officials say defamed President **Chiang** and other officials, undermined armed forces morale and advocated overthrow of the govt.

Since **Lei** is a leader of the projected **China Democratic party**, opposed to the **Kuomintang**, his political allies charge the arrest was an attempt to intimidate them.

But govt spokesman deny the arrest was political. **Chiang** personally told a visiting group of 15 US West Coast and Hawaii newsmen last week: 'Lei was not arrested for being involved with the new party, but for article in his **Fortnightly** which aided and abetted the Chinese Communists.'...



**LUTER** (Cont'd from page 1)

President Luter said that he and the great majority of other Board members felt that the attempt to get Mr. Khrushchev to meet the free press on its own terms was in the best interests of the nation and of press freedom throughout the world — and that any withdrawal of the invitation would further Soviet propaganda that the American press is subservient to the Government.

President Luter said: "This is a professional organization composed primarily of American newsmen. The Club is dedicated to the furtherance of freedom of the press, democratic principles, the interests of our country and international understanding. We feel it is important to demonstrate to the world how the American free press operates and so contradict the Soviet propaganda claim that the press is the tool of the Government. The best way we can accomplish this, in our opinion, is to invite Khrushchev to face the American press and answer the questions he does not answer in his speeches. He will not have to answer questions at the United Nations. But at any meeting conducted by the Overseas Press Club he — like all previous speakers before our Club — will be expected to answer questions put by some of this country's most able newsmen.

"We will conduct the meeting with Mr. Khrushchev as a working news conference. He will have the opportunity to make a brief talk and then he will be expected to answer questions from the press without screening them in advance. If he doesn't want to meet with the free press on its own terms, we shall, of course, withdraw the invitation. If he agrees to this condition, the press will have a better opportunity to question him than it will have at any time during his stay at the United Nations."

The President also disclosed that the Club has issued invitations to Prime Minister MacMillan, Premier Nehru, and Presidents Tito and Nasser.

**OPCers BEGIN FINANCE COURSE**

A. Wilfred May, now in Africa surveying political & economic conditions there, will co-head a New School series of 14 sessions on "Managing Your Money: Investing in Today's Markets", beginning Thurs., Sept 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Guest experts with the series will include Edward T. McCormick, pres. Amer. Stock Exchange & Norris Darrel, senior partner in Sullivan & Cromwell.

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**BOOK NIGHT PANEL ANNOUNCED**

Panel speakers for an OPC Open House to discuss Dan Kurzman's new book "Kishi and Japan" Sept. 27 have been announced.

They are Frank Gibney, of Life; author of "Five Gentlemen of Japan," and "The Operators;" Prof. Donald Keene, Columbia University, author of "Living Japan"; Toshio Katsube, of Fuji Iron & Steel Co.; and Shigenao Nakamura of the Japan Broadcasting Corp.



Kurzman

James A. Michener will be moderator. In a foreword to the book, he said of Kurzman: "If a man is respected both by the Prime Minister of a nation and by its prettiest night-club hostesses, he knows something about that nation that the rest of us ought to know." NY Journal-American describes the book as "brilliant."

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